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Laying down rules for the Succession of Titles to Matters enjoying grants of Land, Money or Honors.

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To Connection

Succession & Religion

Marks

This is a difficult & delicate question in regard to which the following provisions seem to be readily admitted on all hands.

1st. The community must interested in the Succession have practically no voice in the Selection by a Guru of a Successor himself

2d. The Guru's Selection is frequently made for the benefit of his Purvasrama family, and not unfrequently there have been in connection with it gross Scandals and grave public disturbances.

3d. The most efficient remedy for the evil must emanate from the people themselves

If the custom already exists, where is the necessity for this amendment? If the custom is an unbroken custom, the Sovereign under claim the right; if not, such an order as that proposed, would be a violation of rights A Hindu is right to chose his own successor universal & undoubted, that right can only be curtailed by a Law.

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but in the present State of Society it is useless to look for any reform from that Quarter

4th. It is an ancient Custom to obtain the Sovereigns Consent to Every Succession to a Musnud - This custom was generally followed even during the British Admr of the State, by the Govt previously Consulting the late Maharajah - In the Bombay Presy the Custom survives in the Succession Tax which is levied in Such Cases.

5th It is undesirable to reverse this Custom in its Entirety

6th It may be advisable

the future good to govern it (with suitable provision for sudden & unexpected cases) as regards those matters which Engish Govt. Grants in land & money or honors granted by the Sovereign by making the Continuance of such Grants and honors Conditional upon ~~an Approved~~ a Successor approved by H.H. the Maharajah -

(c) Ordinarily such approval shd be obtained by previous application to H.H. in the Mungeor Dept.

(b) To provide as far as possible agst the Contingency of a Guru dying suddenly ~~the Guru~~ he shd, as an act of ordinary prudence, fix upon one or more Eligible persons for eventual selection by himself as his successor, and obtain H.H's opinion as to the eligibility of ~~the~~ such persons - The Guru

may then in due time
select one of them to
succeed him.

(c) That a person fail
to obtain the H.H.'s approval
as Eligible Candidate or
Candidates and that he
in the sudden approach
of death or fear of death
select a successor and
write it in the Agramam
the recognition of his
successor that rest
with H.H. who in
exercising his discretion
in the matter will be
guided by the opinion
of the Community and
the personal qualifications
of the Successor

(d) That a person die without
giving Agramam to a
Successor but surviving
them a proper Successor
may be selected by
the Community interested
with the Consent of H.H

and (c) non-recognition of a Successor by H.H. Shall involve the resumption of all grants in land & money & the customary ~~marriages~~ & Nuzzurs.

7. I am of opinion that definite some rules such as the above may be Communicated to the Chiefs in the State by means of a Political Circular letter addressed to them all. There will be no undue interference with the prerogatives of the ~~Govt~~ presiding Govt as the custom we are trying to Enforce to a very mild extent is pretty well recognized throughout the Country & the proposed interference will be limited to

It is merely to involve the resumption of grants in Money & Land and the customary honors.

K. Hamilton Jen

29 June 92

Some such rules as those suggested by the Dewan seem necessary in regard to Chiefs who enjoy grants in money or land from Govt; but before laying down the Rules I would consult the Imams of the Ruling Chiefs and obtain their opinions.

A.P.

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L. A. and (C) husband [illegible] is agreed to the H.L. [illegible] need [illegible] be consulted. A.P. 1/41 7/9.2

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Laying down Rules for the succession of Gvons to Matts enjoying govt grants in land or money or honors.

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It has been brought to notice that the established custom of obtaining His Highness the Maharajah's previous consent to nomination of successors to religious matts within the State, has not been followed in recent years in a few individual instances.

2. This custom which is an ancient one was followed even during the British administration of the State by reporting every succession to a Matt for the orders of the Chief Commissioner.

3. The omission to report in a few cases has led to the succession to the Gurushup of persons, who from their antecedents or lack of learning and qualification do not always command the esteem and regard of their disciples.

4. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja are of opinion that it will advance the public good to enforce due observance of the custom as regards those Matts which enjoy Government grants.

5. It is therefore ordered that the following ~~Notification be published in the Mysore Gazette and~~ Rules on the Subject will be communicated to all the Matts in the State.

~~Notification.~~

I. It is hereby notified that every succession to a Matt enjoying Government

grants in land or money or honours granted by the Sovereign should receive the approval of His Highness the Maharaja Such approval should ordinarily be obtained by previous application to His Highness in the Muzrai Department.

2. II To provide as far as possible against the contingency of a Guru dying suddenly he should, as an act of ordinary prudence fix upon one or more eligible persons for an eventual selection by himself as his successor and obtain His Highness's opinion as to the eligibility of such persons. The Guru may then in due time, select one of them to succeed him.

3. III Should the Guru fail to obtain His Highness's approval to an eligible candidate or candidates and should he on the sudden approach of death or fear of death select a successor and give the Asramam, the recognition of his succession will should, for the purpose of enabling him to enjoy all State-grants in land or money, rest with His Highness, Who, in exercising his discretion in the matter, will be guided by the opinion of the Community and the personal qualification of the Successor.

4. IV Should a Guru die without giving Asramam to a successor...him surviving, then a proper Successor shall be selected by the Community interested, with the consent of His Highness,

V. non-recognition of a Successor by His Highness ~~shall~~ will involve the resumption of all State grants in land or money and the customary Mariathês and Bruthoos, granted & enjoyed under anthority from the Sovereign

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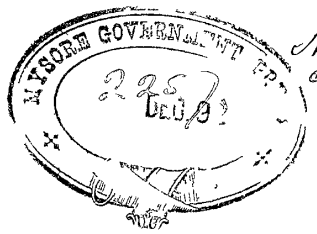

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V. Non-recognition of a Successor by His Highness will involve the resumption of all State grants in land or money and the customary Mariattes and Birutthes granted or enjoyed under authority from the Sovereign—

I have &c.

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C.V.

To.

The Deputy Commissioners
of Districts
Palace Controller, Mysore.
Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.

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II. To provide as far as possible against the contingency of a Guru dying suddenly he may as an act of ordinary prudence fix upon one or more eligible persons for an eventual selection by himself as his successor and obtain His Highness' opinion as to the eligibility of such persons. The Guru may, then in due time, select one of them to succeed him.

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IV. Should a Guru die without giving *A'sramam* to a successor him surviving, then a proper successor shall be selected by the community interested, with the consent of His Highness.

V. Non-recognition of a successor by His Highness will involve the resumption of all State grants in land or money and the customary *Mariathés* and *Birudhus* granted or enjoyed under authority from the sovereign.

A. SREENIVASACHARLU,
Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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